



## PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Joseph H. Steinmetz et al.  
Application No.: 10/702,137  
Filed: November 4, 2003  
Title: Integrated-Circuit Implementation of a Storage-shelf Router  
and a Path Controller Card for Combined use in High-  
Availability Mass-Storage-Device Shelves and that Support  
Virtual Disk Formatting

Examiner: Woo H. Choi

Art Unit: 2189

Docket No.: 35022.001C2

Date: April 3, 2006

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AMENDMENT

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

In response to the Office Action date November 3, 2005, please extend the time to respond two-months, from February 3, 2006 to April 3, 2006. The Petition for Extension of Time and requisite fee is enclosed. Please amend the application, as follow: